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Both articles of impeachment passed, largely along party lines.

Donald Trump became the third U.S. president to be impeached on Wednesday, as the House of Representatives formally charged him with abuse of power in a historic step that will inflame partisan tensions across a deeply divided America.

The Democratic-led House passed the abuse of power article of impeachment on a largely party-line 230-197 vote. The House then proceeded with a vote on a second article of impeachment charging him with obstruction of Congress.

The House action sets the stage for a trial next month in the Republican-controlled Senate - friendlier terrain for Trump - on whether to convict him and remove him from office. As the House voted, Trump was addressing a rally in Battle Creek, Michigan.

No president in the 243-year history of the United States has been removed from office by impeachment. That would require a two-thirds majority in the 100-member Senate, meaning at least 20 Republicans would have to join Democrats in voting against Trump - and none have indicated they will.

In historic moment, U.S. House impeaches Donald Trump for abuse of power



House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) speaks ahead of a vote on two articles of impeachment against U.S. President Donald Trump on Capitol Hill in Washington, U.S., in a still image from video on December 18, 2019. REUTERS

Trump, who is seeking another four-year term in the November 2020 presidential election, has called the impeachment drive an "attempted coup" by Democrats seeking to nullify his 2016 election victory. The Senate's top Republican, Mitch McConnell, has predicted there is "no chance" his chamber will remove Trump when it holds its trial.

The first of the articles accused Trump, 73, of abusing his power by pressuring Ukraine to

investigate political rival Joe Biden, a leading contender for the 2020 Democratic presidential nomination, as well as a discredited theory promoted by the president and beneficial to Russia that Democrats conspired with Ukraine to meddle in the 2016 election.

Democrats said Trump held back \$391 million in security aid intended to combat Russia-backed separatists and a coveted White House meeting

for Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky as leverage to coerce Kiev into interfering in the 2020 election by smearing Biden.

The second article accuses Trump of obstruction of Congress by directing administration officials and agencies not to comply with lawful House subpoenas for testimony and documents related to impeachment.

Trump has denied wrongdoing and called the impeachment inquiry,

launched by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi in September, a "witch hunt."

During a daylong debate before the vote, Pelosi read the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance and said: "We are here to defend democracy for the people."

"If we do not act now, we would be derelict in our duty. It is tragic that the president's reckless actions make impeachment necessary," Pelosi said.

As the debate unfolded, Trump on Twitter

called the proceedings "AN ASSAULT ON AMERICA" and on his party. On the House floor, Republicans accused Democrats of seeking to use an unfair, rigged process to nullify the 2016 election.

"The matter before the House today is based solely on a fundamental hatred of our president. It's a sham, a witch hunt - and it's tantamount to a coup against the duly elected president of the United States," Republican Representative Mike Rogers said.

Republican Representative Mike Kelly compared the impeachment to the Japanese attack on Hawaii's Pearl Harbor in 1941, calling the House proceedings another "date that will live in infamy" - similar to the words Democratic President Franklin Roosevelt used to describe the raid that killed about 2,400 people and led to America's entry into World War Two.

The impeachment vote comes ahead of Trump's 2020 re-election campaign, which will pit him against the winner among a field of Democratic contenders, including Biden, who have repeatedly criticized Trump's conduct in office and promised to make it a key issue.

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'Rise of Skywalker' receives a lot of critical reviews

2 Walt Disney Co's highly anticipated "Star Wars" movie "The Rise of Skywalker" divided film critics on Wednesday, earning more detractors than any film in the saga since 1999 movie "The Phantom Menace." "Rise of Skywalker," which debuts in theaters around the globe on Thursday, is the ninth and final installment in a story begun in 1977, when George Lucas introduced a young space hero

named Luke Skywalker alongside an enchanting collection of droids and otherworldly characters. On the Rotten Tomatoes website, 57 percent of 157 reviews for "Rise of Skywalker" were positive as of Tuesday morning. That ranked as the second-lowest score among the nine films, ahead of only the 53 percent for "The Phantom Menace." Reviewers who praised "Rise of Skywalker" called it a satisfying conclusion. REUTERS

Trump proposes rule for importing drugs from Canada

3 The Trump administration on Wednesday said it is proposing a rule to allow states to import prescription drugs from Canada, advancing a plan announced in July that the president has said will bring cheaper prescription drugs to Americans. Importation of drugs from Canada to lower costs for U.S. consumers has been considered for years. Alex Azar, secretary of the Department of

Health and Human Services (HHS), called the move "a historic step forward in efforts to bring down drug prices and out-of-pocket costs." Industry trade groups in both countries opposed the plan, saying it will not lower costs and could hurt Canada's drug supplies. Groups representing pharmaceutical and biotech companies called the proposal a political gesture.

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Puerto Rico cries foul over U.S. cockfighting ban

4 An attempt by the U.S. Congress to ban cockfighting in Puerto Rico has set off a debate about animal cruelty, put thousands of jobs at risk and sparked a possible power struggle between the U.S. territory's government and Washington. The 500-year-old tradition of cockfighting in Puerto Rico was due to end on Friday under a law passed by Congress last year to bring the island in step with prohibition in every

U.S. state. But Puerto Rico Governor Wanda Vazquez on Wednesday signed legislation designed to allow cockfighting to continue. That could set up a conflict with U.S. federal authorities. Puerto Rican fans see cockfighting as part of their cultural heritage and say 27,000 jobs could be lost among breeders, food suppliers and others if the ban goes ahead. In Congress, the island's people have no elected voting representative. REUTERS



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Former First Lady Michelle Obama attends 'Becoming: An Intimate Conversation with Michelle Obama' at State Farm Arena on May 11, 2019 in Atlanta, Georgia.

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The top 10 books New Yorkers borrowed from NYPL in 2019

Michelle Obama's autobiography topped the lists.

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Library patrons in New York City checked out former first lady Michelle Obama's autobiography "Becoming" the most out of any book this year. The New York Public Library shared on Wednesday its annual top checkouts list from its branches in the Bronx, Manhattan, Staten Island, as well as its e-book catalog. "Becoming," ranked as one of the best-selling memoirs of all time, follows the story of Obama's life, from growing up on the South Side of Chicago to becoming the first African American to serve as First Lady of the United States.

"The top checkouts at The New York Public Library may seem like a simple opportunity to identify what New Yorkers enjoyed reading in 2019, but at the Library we see the diversity these titles represent," Lynn Lobash, assistant director of reader services at NYPL, said in a statement.

Out of the top 10 system-wide checkouts of 2019, nine of the books were written by women. By borough, both the Bronx and Manhattan readers borrowed "Be-

coming" the most, with Staten Islanders preferring Jodi Picoult's "A Spark of Light."

In Queens and Brooklyn, boroughs with a separate public library, readers had similar tastes to their fellow New Yorkers this year. Gothamist reported that "Becoming" was the most checked-out book across Brooklyn, with Liane Moriarty's "Nine Perfect Strangers" taking the title in Queens.

See more of the top checkouts below.

Top 10 system-wide checkouts of 2019:

1. "Becoming" by Michelle Obama
2. "Educated: A Memoir" by Tara Westover
3. "Little Fires Everywhere" by Celeste Ng
4. "A Spark of Light" by Jodi Picoult
5. "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens
6. "Pachinko" by Min Jin Lee
7. "Circe" by Madeline Miller
8. "Nine Perfect Strangers" by Liane Moriarty
9. "Bad Blood: Secrets and Lies in a Silicon Valley Startup" by John Carreyrou
10. "Milkman" by Anna Burns

Top 10 books in Manhattan:

1. "Becoming" by Michelle Obama
2. "Educated: A Memoir" by Tara Westover
3. "Little Fires Everywhere" by Celeste Ng
4. "Circe" by Madeline Miller
5. "Pachinko" by Min Jin Lee
6. "Bad Blood: Secrets and Lies in a Silicon Valley Startup" by John Carreyrou
7. "Milkman" by Anna Burns
8. "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens
9. "Nine Perfect Strangers" by Liane Moriarty
10. "An American Marriage" by Tayari Jones

Top 10 books in Staten Island:

1. "A Spark of Light" by Jodi Picoult
2. "Ambush" by James Patterson and James O. Born

The library also released the most checked-out titles for these genres:

Classics: "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee
Comics and Graphic Novels: "Saga" by Fiona Staples and Brian K. Vaughan

Fantasy: "Black Leopard, Red Wolf" by Marlon James

Horror: "The Shining" by Stephen King

Mystery and Detective: "The Chef" by James Patterson

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The Wall St. sign is seen outside the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) in New York on December 17, 2019.

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Wall Street holiday parties try dropping booze for bootcamps, smoothies

Headaches are being subbed out for body aches.

Fruit smoothies may become the new martini for Wall Street holiday parties.

Banking and trading firm BTIG LLC, for example, cut alcohol from its annual employee celebration on Dec. 12 at its New York offices. Instead, guests did yoga and bootcamp-style workouts, played ping-pong, and downed smoothies, juices and fruit-infused water.

"I'm sore, just in a different way," joked a happy BTIG employee the morning after donning Lululemon fitness gear to compete with colleagues. "My head doesn't hurt; my body hurts."

BTIG is an outlier on Wall Street, but interviews with some employees, events staff and those who work in the wellness industry suggest more companies are moving their holiday parties and other events away from booze-centric bacchanals.

Younger Wall Street

employees are increasingly health conscious, and companies are attuned to the liability of alcohol-laden corporate events in the #MeToo era.

"You can't go wrong with what we did," said the BTIG employee.

The Pierre, a luxury hotel near Central Park, featured specialty "mocktails" at holiday parties for approximately half a dozen financial firms this year, part of broader increase in demand for such non-alcoholic cocktails, according to director of catering Bill Spinner.

Barry's Bootcamp, a fitness club chain popular with Wall Street, has seen an increase in bookings by financial firms for employee and client workouts this holiday season, according to director of community marketing Alisa Holzer.

The emerging trend on Wall Street echoes similar events in the technology industry, with which it increasingly competes for talent.

Seedlip, which makes non-alcoholic spirits, recently hosted a 1,200-per-

son Google holiday party at Rolling Greens Nursery in Los Angeles, serving approximately 700 "Holiday CosNOs" and other alcohol-free cocktails, said spokeswoman Lorena Tapiero. Seedlip beverages were also served at a recent Netflix employee gathering in LA, she said. Google and Netflix did not respond to emails seeking comment.

Even as some employees embraced workouts and mocktails, alcohol flowed across much of Wall Street this holiday season. The bars were stocked and open at New York soirees organized by BlackRock Inc, D.E. Shaw & Co, JPMorgan Chase & Co, Evercore Inc, HSBC Holdings Plc, and Credit Suisse Group, according to attendees and social media posts. The parties featured such amusements as a limbo contest and professional contortionists. The firms declined to comment or did not respond to requests.

An employee who attended one of the parties described it as "merry and lit." REUTERS

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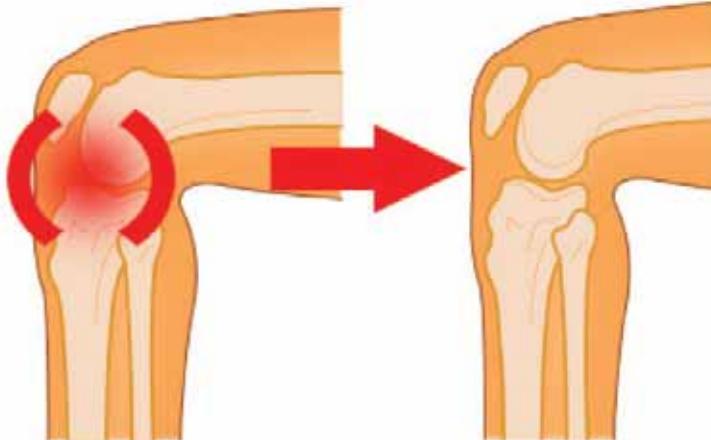
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Saturday before Christmas expected to be the biggest U.S. shopping day of 2019

\$34 billion in sales have been projected.

U.S. retailers are expected to ring up record sales on Super Saturday this year, as fewer days than usual between Thanksgiving and Christmas have squeezed shoppers to finish their purchases.

In recent years, the Saturday before Christmas has seen a late surge in shopper traffic. With retailers maintaining deep discounts late into the holiday season, total sales on Super Saturday have edged closer to Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving which traditionally kicks off the season in November.

Many retail consultants and analysts estimate the surge will bump Super Saturday into the biggest shopping day this



Shoppers walk through corridors with Christmas decorations as pre-Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday shopping accelerates at the King of Prussia Mall in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. **REUTERS**

year.

Craig Johnson, president at retail consultancy Customer Growth Partners, expects people to spend \$34 billion this year on Super Saturday. These estimates include in-store and online purchases but exclude sales generated at gas stations, restaurants

and automobile dealers. In comparison, Black Friday generated \$31.5 billion in sales, he said.

"Consumer demand remains strong," Johnson said. "While mall traffic is weak, those that are going to stores are buying more."

Despite slowing global

growth, U.S. consumer spending is benefiting from wage growth and a strong labor market, retail consultants and analysts said.

Also, prices have remained steady instead of rising as widely expected, they said, which has spurred spending. Accord-

ing to an analysis by Reuters, retailers including Walmart Inc and Amazon.com Inc held prices steady for many popular holiday products sold online despite pressure from U.S. tariffs on Chinese imports.

Many retailers are responding to the late surge in spending by keeping stores open for longer in the days before Christmas. They have also added more staff in stores this year, reversing a trend that saw more workers being added to warehouses to ship online orders.

With store shoppers becoming more deliberate about their purchases, retailers' investments in improving the customer experience is resulting in stronger sales, analysts said.

"The shoppers that are coming into the store during the holidays want the personal touch...oth-

erwise they'd be online," said Andrew Challenger, vice president at placement firm Challenger, Gray & Christmas Inc. "They want somebody to guide them through the inventory and in some ways help them select the right products at the right prices," he said.

Target said it is giving employees in stores a serious bump in hours, investing an extra \$50 million into the effort. Similarly, Walmart's holiday strategy this year has also focused on customer service improvements.

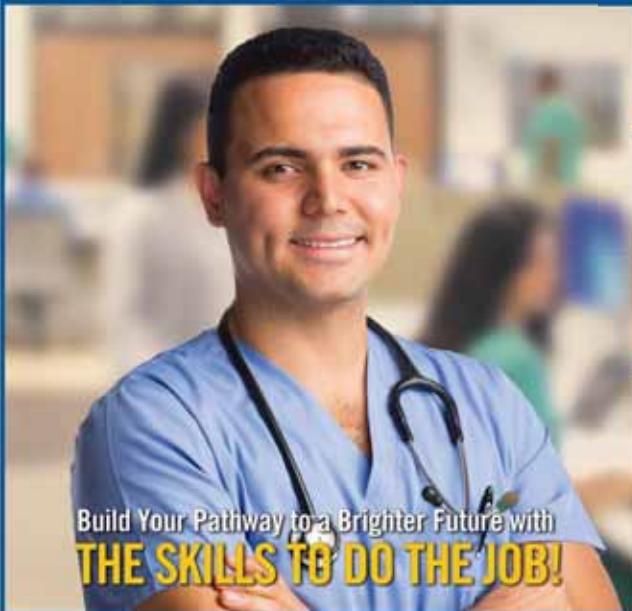
For instance, its Check Out With Me feature, which allows shoppers paying by credit card to skip out on long lines by having employees equipped with cellular devices and bluetooth printers check them out anywhere in the store, is available in all big stores.

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E-bike bandits wanted for 22 robberies

Police are looking for a pair of e-bike bandits who are wanted in connection to 22 New York City robberies.

NYPD tweeted a video of one of the robberies, saying, "WANTED for a Robbery Pattern in the vicinity of @Bronx @ Manhattan in the Month of December Reward up to \$2500 Seen them? Know who they are? Call 1-800-577-TIPS or DM us! Calls are CONFIDENTIAL! #YourCityYourCall."

The New York Post reported robbers are targeting food delivery workers and snatching their bikes.

The most recent incident occurred on Dec. 3 around 11 p.m. In that incident, a 24-year-old delivery worker was unlocking his bike after finishing a delivery on West 46th St. in Hell's Kitchen.

The delivery man



An image from one of the recent incidents.

NYPD

was thrown off his bike and sprayed with an unknown chemical, police said, and the bandits got away with his bike.

It was reported that the other 21 robberies occurred between Sept. 13 and Dec. 3. Each incident involves a pair of suspects who separated

from each other, then pepper-sprayed their victims before stealing their bikes.

In each incident, the suspect got away with the bikes and many of them were e-bikes, according to The Post.

No victims were seriously injured.

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That puppy in the window could make you sick as a dog, U.S. health agency warns

Antibiotic resistant strain of bacteria traced to Petland pups.

Beware of dogs, especially the cute puppies in pet store windows, U.S. health officials warn.

A bacteria resistant to common antibiotics has sickened 30 people this year, sending four of them to hospitals, and puppies are the likely culprit, according to an advisory issued late Tuesday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The strain, known as *Campylobacter jejuni*, is closely related to a 2016 outbreak that health officials said was most likely caused by contact with puppies sold at Petland stores, a nationwide chain of franchised pet stores.

That outbreak sickened 113 people in 17 states between January 2016 and January 2018, with 23 of them requiring hospitalization, the CDC said.

In the current outbreak, the CDC said it interviewed 24 of the people afflicted with the disease, 21 of whom reported contact with

Petland puppies," it said of the current outbreak.

Campylobacter infections generally cause diarrhea, fever, and stomach cramps two to five days after exposure, the CDC said. It usually lasts about a week and most people recover without antibiotic treatment, it said.

The CDC said the disease has been detected in 13 states, including Utah, Wyoming, Min-

"For perspective, more than 12 million guests visit our stores annually and during this specific time period, Petland estimates more than 2.4 million customer socializations of Petland puppies."

Petland

nesota and Maryland, where Petland said it has no stores.

Owners were advised to always wash their hands after touching their dogs or cleaning up after them, have their pets checked regularly by veterinarians and "don't let dogs lick around your mouth and face." REUTERS

Dust mites might be living in your holiday décor

It may come as a surprise that some jolly holiday decorating is wreaking havoc on your allergies — after all, isn't hay fever a spring thing? But experts say dust mites may be to blame if you find yourself sneezing while decking the halls.

The Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America (AAFA) reported that dust mites, which are tiny white arthropods that commonly trigger allergic reactions, could be living in your holiday decorations.

According to the AAFA, the dust mites, "...feed mainly on the tiny flakes of human skin that people shed each day. These flakes work their way deep into the inner layers of furniture, carpets, bedding, and even stuffed toys. These are the places where mites thrive."

The mites thrive in temperatures of 68 to 77 degrees Fahrenheit and like humidity levels to be between 70 to 80 percent.

According to CBS, dust mites aren't exactly attracted to your decoration; they are likely attracted to what you store them in.

If you're suffering from the below symptoms as per AAFA's website, you might not have a cold or flu this winter; you might just be having a reaction to dust mites:

Common dust mite allergy symptoms include:

- Sneezing
- Runny nose
- Itchy, red or watery eyes
- Stuffy nose
- Itchy nose, mouth or throat
- Itchy skin
- Postnasal drip (a flow of mucus from behind your nose into your throat)
- Cough

If your dust mite triggers your asthma, you may also experience:

- Difficulty breathing
- Chest tightness or pain
- A whistling or wheezing sound when breathing out
- Trouble sleeping caused by shortness of breath, coughing or wheezing

If you are concerned about having a dust mite allergy, it is recommended to meet with your doctor and discuss the matter.

If you want to try and

avoid dust mites, experts recommend spraying down your Christmas tree with water before decorating.

AAFA also recommends:

- Covering mattresses and pillows in zippered dust-proof covers. These covers are made of a material with pores too small to let dust mites and their waste product through. They are also called allergen-impermeable. Plastic or vinyl covers are the least expensive, but some people find them uncomfortable. You can buy other fabric allergen-impermeable covers from many regular bedding stores.
- Washing your sheets and blankets weekly in hot water. You have to wash them in water that's at least 130 degrees Fahrenheit or more to kill dust mites.
- Getting rid of all types of fabric that mites love and that you cannot easily wash regularly in hot water. Avoid wall-to-wall carpeting, curtains, blinds, upholstered furniture and down-filled covers and pillows in the bedroom. Put roll-type shades on your windows instead of curtains.
- Having someone without a dust mite allergy clean your bedroom. If this is not possible, wear a filtering mask when dusting or vacuuming. Many drug stores carry these items. Dusting and vacuuming stir up dust. So try to do these chores when you can stay out of the bedroom for a while afterward.

- Buying special certified filter vacuum cleaners which help to keep mites and mite waste from getting back into the air. Certified vacuums are scientifically tested and verified as more suitable for making your home healthier.
- Vacuuming is not enough to remove all dust mites and their waste. A large amount of the dust mite population may remain because they live deep inside the stuffing of sofas, chairs, mattresses, pillows and carpeting.
- Avoiding wall-to-wall carpeting, if possible. If you do use carpeting, mites don't like the type with a short, tight pile as much. Use washable throw rugs over

regularly damp-mopped wood, linoleum or tiled floors.

- Washing rugs in hot water whenever possible. Cold water isn't as effective. Dry cleaning kills all dust mites and is also good for removing dust mites from living in fabrics.
- Keeping the humidity in your home less than 50 percent. Use a dehumidifier and/or air conditioner to do this.

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Cyclist fatally struck by school bus full of kids

The victim, a Mount Sinai doctor, is the 29th cyclist killed in NYC in 2019.



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The New York City Department of Transportation ("DOT") is issuing, as of the date of this notice, a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the development, operation, and maintenance of an indoor farmer's market ("Market") at Whitehall Ferry Terminal located at 4 South Street in the Borough of Manhattan ("Ferry Terminal").

The RFP is available for download, commencing on **Wednesday, December 18, 2019** through **Friday, February 21, 2020**, on DOT's website. To download the RFP, visit <http://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/about/doing-business.shtml>, click on the "Concessions" link and under "Current Solicitations" click on the "Download the RFP" link that appears under the RFP's description.

The RFP contains important information about this solicitation including site location, proposer meeting details, and contact information.

All proposals submitted in response to this RFP must be submitted no later than **Friday, February 21, 2020 at 2 PM**.

New York City on Wednesday lost its 29th cyclist to a motor vehicle accident this year, this time involving a school bus in Central Park.

The accident occurred on the 96th St. Transverse at around 8 a.m., ABC reports. Officials report the bicyclist struck a curb and fell off his bike and into the road, where he was struck by a school bus that was carrying children.

The victim has been identified as Daniel J. Cammerman, 50, a doctor from the Mount Sinai Health System and faculty member

Mount Sinai released a statement about his death, saying:

"We are deeply saddened by the news of the tragic loss of Dr. Daniel J. Cammerman, a beloved physician, teacher, mentor and role model at Mount Sinai. This is a great loss for the Mount Sinai community. For this reason, we will be offering counseling and

support during this very difficult time."

There were reportedly 14 children on the bus when Cammerman was struck. No kids were injured.

It was reported the driver stayed on scene, and no criminal charges are expected.



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Gemini Don't put pressure on yourself to keep up with someone who has more disposable income than you. Be smart about how much you spend.



Cancer Find solutions on your own. If you put the burden on someone else, you will end up doing the work anyway and regretting the complaints you have to endure in the process.



Leo Honesty will pay off when dealing with matters that can damage your reputation. Don't let a change someone makes set you off. Live within your means and do your own thing.



Virgo Keep moving forward. You have plenty to do to reach a self-imposed deadline. A change at home will surprise the people who live with you.



Libra One step at a time. Choose your words carefully so as not to give away any secrets. Romance is on the rise.



Scorpio Get your place in order. Whether or not you are entertaining for the holidays, the changes you make will leave you feeling good. A comfortable environment will help ease stress.



Sagittarius Go about your business. Listen to your heart, not to what someone tries to lead you to believe. Concentrate on your responsibilities and what you have to finish to avoid criticism.



Capricorn Do what you do best and take the helm. Refuse to get pulled into situations that will slow you down. If someone overreacts, take charge and get the job done.



Aquarius Take a deep breath, organize your day and prepare to get things done. If someone tries to interfere, give him or her a task and keep moving forward.



Pisces A change of plans can be to your advantage. Being in the right place at the right time will enable you to capitalize on a situation as it unfolds.

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GIFT
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NerdWallet is a personal finance website.

After the Christmas and Hanukkah presents are opened, gift cards have a funny way of sinking to the bottom of the stack.

It's like they're begging not to be used. But leaving them to collect dust is a missed opportunity.

Here's how to avoid squandering your gift cards.

Use them sooner rather than later

By law, money on a gift card cannot expire for at least five years from the date the card was purchased or from the last



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date money was added onto the card, according to the Federal Trade Commission.

Many cards won't have

an expiration date, but check the fine print so you don't hang on to yours for too long. Expiration dates

must be clearly disclosed on the card. When in doubt, use it up.

Keep your options open

If you're not so hot about a gift card you received as a gift, explore other options. You can use some gift cards at more than one retailer, so you may find one that better suits your taste. For instance, a Banana Republic gift card can be redeemed at Old Navy, Gap, Banana Republic or Athleta.

Another option is to sell your card for cash or swap it for a card you like better at online exchange marketplaces like Gift Card Granny and CardCash. You'll generally get only a fraction of the value back, not the full amount that's currently on the card. But it might be worthwhile if you have no plans to use the original card.

Pay attention to bankruptcy news

Finally, stay on top of retail news, especially in light of brick-and-mortar store closures. Shelley Hunter, the gift card expert for GiftCards.com, says those

cards become vulnerable once a store files for bankruptcy.

Hunter explains that stores at risk of closing frequently stop accepting gift cards after a certain date, and customers don't always get the memo. "Where that gets confusing for consumers is oftentimes the stores are still open," she says.

So how do you know when your retail gift cards are in trouble? If you've had one sitting around for a while, check the Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Gift Card Watchlist for 2019 at GiftCards.com. Here you'll find a list of gift cards that are in critical condition and links to file a claim for stores that closed before you got a chance to redeem your card.

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6 events to help you ring in the new year

New Year's Eve can be blown way out of proportion. There is an intense amount of pressure to keep up your appearances at big, over-crowded house parties even though you'll hardly remember the conversations you had with your friends. That's why choosing a concert or a party to ring in the new year can take the stress off and put the focus on leaving 2019 behind you. Here are six great events happening on New Year's Eve.

The Strokes w/ Mac DeMarco at Barclays

New York's resident cool kids The Strokes will be ringing in the new year at Brooklyn's Barclays Center with the help of lo-fi party animal Mac DeMarco. Word is that The Strokes have been working on new material

that will be released this coming year. But while we wait for more news on that, Strokes singer Julian Casablancas recently released some new material with his side project The Voidz produced by DeMarco. So it's safe to say we can expect some festive collaborations between the two onstage.

8:30 pm, Barclays Center, 620 Atlantic Ave., Brooklyn, find tickets at ticketmaster.com

Phish at MSG

Jam band legends Phish have been calling Madison Square Garden their home for New Year's Eve for years now. Each year, the band pulls out all of the stops to play four nights in a row with unique setlists each night leading up to the ball-drop to provide experiences that will satisfy

both die-hard fans and just regular Joes looking for a party.

Dec. 28-31, 7:30 pm, Madison Square Garden, 4 Pennsylvania Plaza, find tickets at ticketmaster.com

The Jesus Lizard w/ Protomartyr at Brooklyn Steel

You really could not wish for a better noise-rock leaning post-punk double bill than seeing the almighty Jesus Lizard with support from Detroit's Protomartyr. There really is no better band than Protomartyr when it comes to creating combustible tension on stage with singer Joe Casey embodying all of disappointment and rage the average American feels on a daily basis. But while their raucous brand of tightly coiled energy will set the tone for the night,



Lead vocalist Julian Casablancas of The Strokes. GETTY IMAGES

it will all come tumbling apart as Jesus Lizard singer David Yow whips the crowd into a frenzy, from both on stage and from crowd surfing on top of the pit.

9 pm, Brooklyn Steel, 319

Frost St., Brooklyn, find tickets at bowerypresents.com

New Year's Dance Party at Elsewhere

If you are looking for a contained atmosphere in one of Brooklyn's best

clubs to dance until the early hours of the morning, then there really is no better option the New Year's Eve party at Elsewhere in Bushwick. With DJ sets by Neon Indian, Amtrac, Sybil Ja-

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son, Half Moon and Tiki Disco until 6 a.m. on New Year's Day, you'll come out of this party with the right amount of calories burned and lingering buzz to see you into 2020.

9 pm to 6 am (1/1), Elsewhere, 599 Johnson Ave., Brooklyn, find tickets at www.eventbrite.com

Cloud Nothings w/ Field Mouse and Patio at Knitting Factory Brooklyn

It's hard to argue against the discography that Cloud Nothings have built up over the years. Their brand of scorched Earth punk tickles that itch like few others and drunkenly belting out the lyrics to songs like "Stay

Useless" sounds like a perfect way to ring in the new year. They'll be playing Brooklyn's Knitting Factory with excellent support from Field Mouse and Patio.

9 pm, Knitting Factory Brooklyn, 361 Metropolitan Ave., Brooklyn, find tickets at bk.knittingfactory.com

Priests' Farewell Show at Rough Trade

If you have never witnessed the sheer power of the D.C. punk band Priests live, then their New Year's Eve show at Rough Trade may be your final chance. Last week, the band took to Instagram to announce that they will be taking an

indefinite hiatus to focus on other projects. "We're taking a break from the band and our New Year's Eve show is our last together for the foreseeable future," the post said. "We are so grateful to all of you. Come say goodbye and hello to a new decade with us." So if all of the parties this year seem like a bust, this show will be a guaranteed fun celebration of one of the most exciting bands of the last decade. They will ring in the new year with support from Russian Baths and Ani Ivy-Block of Palberta.

9 pm, Rough Trade, 64 N. 9th St., Brooklyn. Find tickets at roughtradeny.com

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Katie Alice Greer of the band Priests. GETTY IMAGES

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Sometimes you just want to take a break from the hustle and bustle and

see what exciting events there are outside of the city limits. During the holidays, Lehigh Valley in Pennsylvania is certainly the place to be, and with Christmas right around the corner now is the perfect time to take the scenic trip to this popular holiday destination. This picturesque valley is the ultimate 'country-side' Christmas option and

there is plenty to do for the whole family. Here is everything going on for the 2019 holiday season in the Lehigh Valley.

Christkindlmarkt

Christkindlmarkt is a part of Christmas City, the top holiday spot in Lehigh Valley – and there certainly is a reason so many people flock here year after year. This

magnificent festive wonderland has been home to plenty of fun family-friendly activities and has even been named one of the top holiday markets in the world. Christkindlmarkt features live glass blowing, plenty of one-of-a-kind purchases for last-minute gifts, live music, tasty treats and much, much more. *Weekends now - Dec. 23, SteelStacks, 101 Founders Way, Bethlehem, free, [discoverlehighvalley.com](#)*

Winter Lights Spectacular at the Lehigh Valley Zoo

The spectacular light show at the Lehigh Valley Zoo features over 1.1 million twinkling lights that will dazzle anyone of any age during this holiday season. At the stunning event, there is also warm

hot cocoa, cozy fire pits and Koziar's Christmas Village. Koziar's has been a family favorite for 70 years, and this season certainly promises not to disappoint. *Now - Dec. 30, times vary, Lehigh Valley Zoo, 5150 Game Preserve Rd., Schnecksville, prices vary, [discoverlehighvalley.com](#)*

Historic Bethlehem Holiday Tours

Take a tour of the historic and scenic city of Bethlehem and enjoy dancing holiday lights and gorgeously decorated trees while doing so during one of Lehigh Valley's most popular holiday events. After finishing up with the main tour, guests can then check out the Christmas City walking tour led by colonial-dressed guides

and become immersed in stories on why candles line each window of Historic Bethlehem, plus the story of the famous Bethlehem Star. *Check out [historicbethlehem.org](#) for times, locations and prices of the various tours.*

Peepfest

Peepfest is a must for the end of the holiday season. When New Year's comes around families wonder what fun activities they can do with their kids. Peepfest is the perfect answer: the two-day event features a 4-foot, 9-inch tall, 400-pound, giant yellow light-up PEEP and plenty of other sweet treats to go around. *Dec. 30-31, 10 am - 5:30 pm, SteelStacks, 101 Founders Way, Bethlehem, free, [discoverlehighvalley.com](#)*

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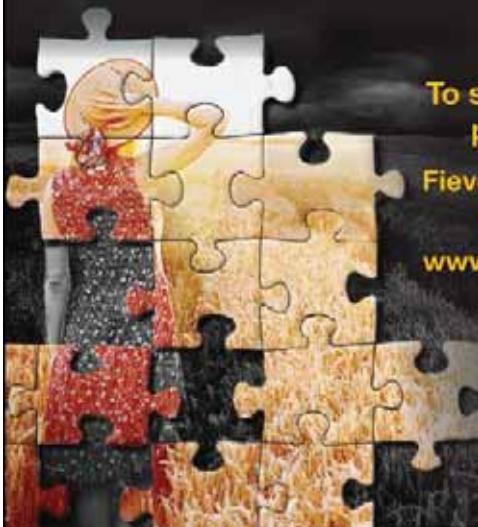
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Yanks officially introduce Cole

The Bronx's new ace met with the New York media on Wednesday.

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"I'm here, I've always been here."

In Gerrit Cole's hands was the sign he created as an 11-year-old boy for the 2001 World Series that read "YANKEE FAN TODAY, TOMORROW, FOREVER."

It was a long, convoluted process, but the 29-year-old ace is officially a Yankee after being introduced to the New York media on Wednesday morning in the Bronx.

The Yankees signed Cole to a record-setting nine-year, \$324 million deal last week, providing the franchise with the ace they so desperately needed. Cole is coming off his finest season as a pro, going 20-5 with a 2.50 ERA and 326 strikeouts with the Houston Astros.

While the money certainly helped, it wasn't too difficult a decision

for Cole to join the Yankees.

"It was my dream [to play for the Yankees]," Cole said. "I had a second opportunity to chase it and it's the best organization, in my opinion, in the league."

"It doesn't hurt to play for your favorite team."

Cole was originally drafted by the Yankees in 2008, but the righty opted to attend UCLA before re-entering the selection process — where he was taken first overall by the Pittsburgh Pirates three years later. He spent five seasons with the Pirates before getting dealt to Houston.

Now, Yankees general manager Brian Cashman finally got his guy.

"We sat and watched him continue to grow," Cashman said of his decade-plus wait for Cole. "Now, we're here, at the right time and the right place."

"This is a historic signing," he continued. "It's going to have to pay off moving forward because there are no guarantees of success."

Cole's acquisition immediately makes the

Yankees a favorite for the 2020 World Series crown, a burden that he is not shying away from.

"Pressure is a privilege," Cole said. "Pressure comes in situations that you've earned. You pitch in big games in September and October because you've played well all year."

He was tantalizingly close to his first-ever title just two months ago when the Astros held a 2-0 lead in Game 7 of the World Series against the Washington Nationals.

But AJ Hinch opted not to call upon Cole in relief and on short rest, only for the Houston bullpen to concede six runs in the final three innings.

"I came eight outs away from getting a ring," he said. "I felt like I could see the light beneath the door and it was shut in our face."

If it wasn't already obvious, he is ready to take an ax to that proverbial door this year.

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No. 27 and No. 91 will be the seventh and eighth numbers headed to the Coliseum rafters.

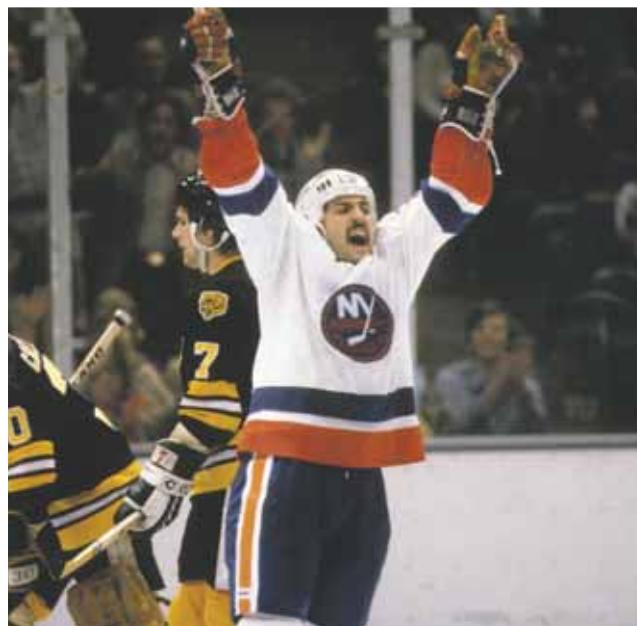
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The New York Islanders announced on Wednesday that they will be retiring the jersey numbers of two key members of the organization's dynasty era, John Tonelli and Butch Goring this season.

They will join elite company, becoming the seventh and eighth players in franchise history to have their numbers retired alongside Denis Potvin, Clark Gillies, Bryan Trottier, Mike Bossy, Bobby Nystrom and Billy Smith.

All eight players contributed to the Islanders' four-straight Stanley Cup victories from 1980-1983.

Tonelli, who wore No.



John Tonelli (left) and Butch Goring (right) will have their numbers retired by the Islanders at the end of February.



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27, spent seven-plus seasons with the Islanders and recorded 544 points (206 goals) in 594 games.

He was often the big man for the big occa-

sion, providing the primary assist on Bobby Nystrom's Stanley Cup-winning goal in Game 6 of the 1980 final against the Philadelphia Flyers

before his dynasty-saving brace in the winner-take-all Game 5 of the Patrick Division semifinals against the Pittsburgh Penguins in 1982.

"To have my number retired alongside several of my former teammates is incredibly humbling and something that my family and I will cherish forever," Tonelli said.

Current Islanders captain Anders Lee currently wears No. 27, but Tonelli sees no issue with that.

"I have spoken with [Lee] and from seeing the tremendous leader he is, I told him that I would be honored if he continues to wear our number until the end of his career."

Goring was the original No. 91 of the Islanders, considered to be the missing piece of the team's championship puzzle when he was acquired from the Los Angeles Kings in March of 1980.

While Goring was a veteran by the time he arrived in New York, he still put up 195 points (87 goals and 108 assists) in 332 career games while providing a steady presence in the playoffs.

He won the 1981 Conn Smythe Trophy as the Stanley Cup playoffs' MVP, scoring 10 goals with 10 assists in 20 games.

"I'm extremely hon-

ored to have my number retired by the New York Islanders," Goring said. "I came to the Long Island community back in the '80s and since then I have made it my home. Some of the greatest accomplishments of my career happened with this fanbase and I can't wait to share this night with them as well."

Tonelli's No. 27 will be retired on Friday, Feb. 21 against the Detroit Red Wings while Goring's No. 91 will be raised to the rafters on Saturday, Feb. 29 against the Boston Bruins.

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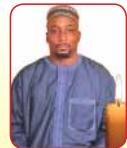
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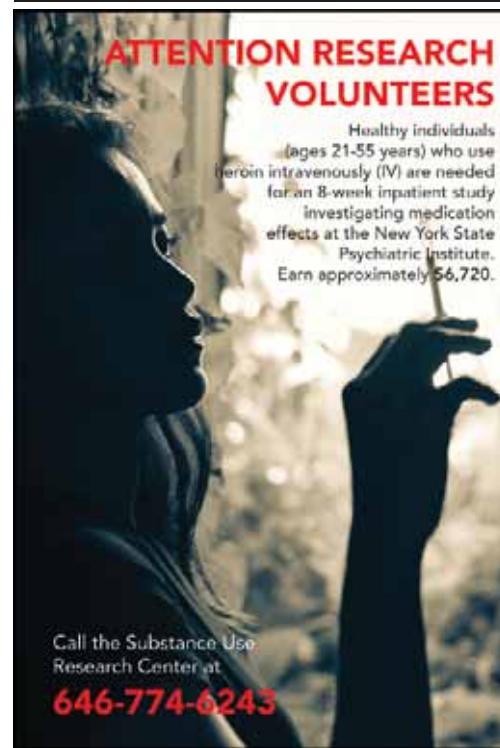
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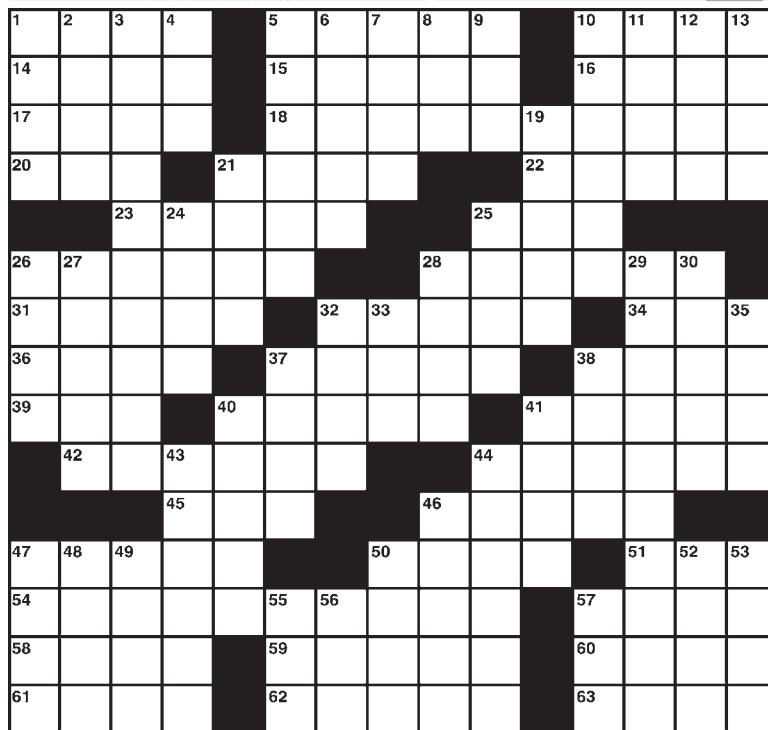
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